

# COUNTRY PROFILE

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## MALAWI

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**Subregion** Southern Africa  
**Income group** Low income

### PEOPLE

|   |   |              |
|---|---|--------------|
| Population (millions) <sup>1</sup>        | 17.22 (2015)  | 26.58 (2030) |
| Urban <sup>2</sup>                        | 16% (2015)  | 20% (2030)   |
| Rural <sup>2</sup>                        | 84% (2015)  | 80% (2030)   |
| Population growth <sup>1</sup> (annual)   | 3.1% (2015)   | 2.7% (2030)  |
| Human Development Index rank <sup>3</sup> | 173/188<br>Low human development  |              |
| Languages <sup>19</sup>                   | English (official), Chichewa (common), Chinyanja, Chiyao, Chitumbuka, Chilomwe, Chinkhonde, Chingoni, Chisena, Chitonga, Chinyakyusa, Chilambya |              |
| Religion <sup>19</sup>                    | Christian 82.6%, Muslim 13%, other 1.9%, none 2.5% (2008 est.)  |              |
| Ethnic composition <sup>19</sup>          | Chewa 32.6%, Lomwe 17.6%, Yao 13.5%, Ngoni 11.5%, Tumbuka 8.8%, Nyanja 5.8%, Sena 3.6%, Tonga 2.1%, Ngonde 1%, other 3.5%                       |              |

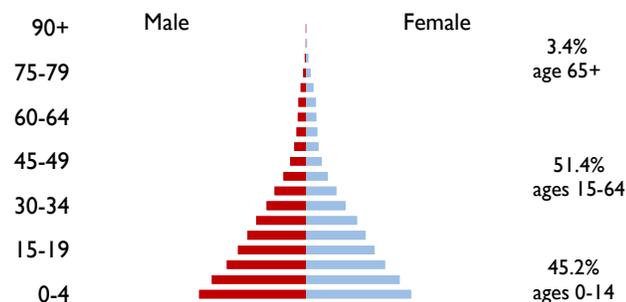
### GOVERNMENT

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| Capital <sup>19</sup>                          | Lilongwe   |
| Government type <sup>19</sup>                  | Presidential republic                                |
| Head of State/Govt <sup>19</sup>               | President Arthur Peter MUTHARIKA (since 31 May 2014) |
| Legislature <sup>19</sup>                      | Unicameral National Assembly                         |
| Females in Parliament <sup>4</sup>             | 17% (2015)   |
| Corruption Perceptions Index rank <sup>5</sup> | 112/167 (2015)                                       |
| Ibrahim Index rank <sup>6</sup>                | 17/54 (2015)   |
| Land area (sq km) <sup>7</sup>                 | 94,280 (The size of Indiana)                         |

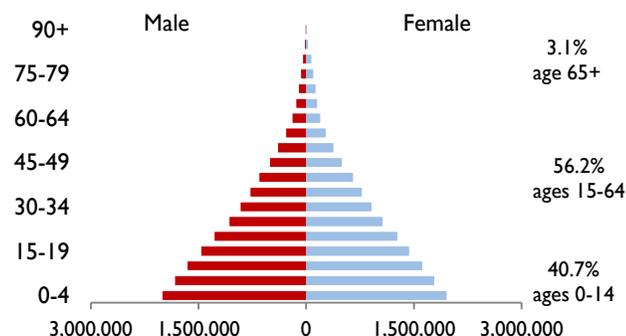
### OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| From all donors (US\$ millions, net) <sup>8</sup> | \$930.2 (2014) |
| as % of income <sup>7</sup>                       | 15.44% (2014)  |
| per capita <sup>18</sup>                          | \$55.7 (2014)  |
| From U.S. (US\$ millions) <sup>8</sup>            | \$182.0 (2014) |

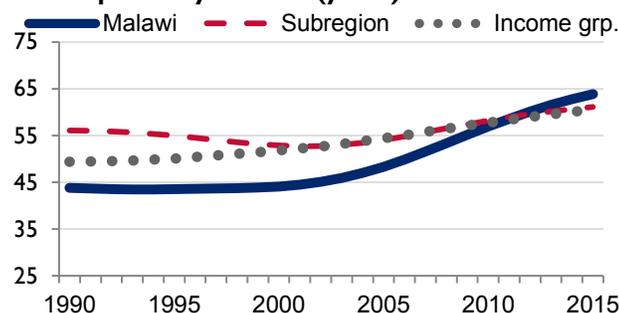
### 2015 population<sup>1</sup>



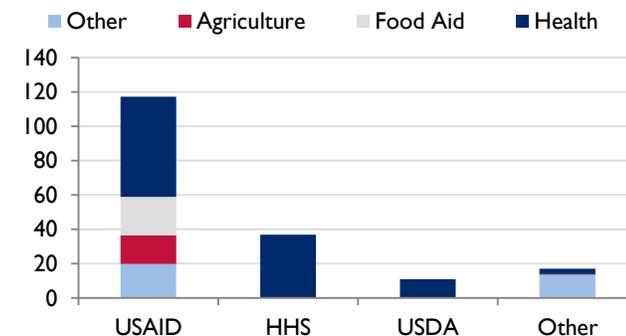
### 2030 population<sup>1</sup>



### Life expectancy at birth (years)<sup>1</sup>



### U.S. ODA by agency (US\$ millions, gross), 2014<sup>18</sup>



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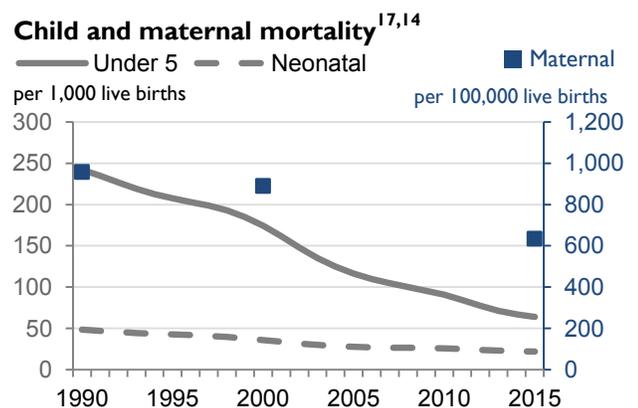
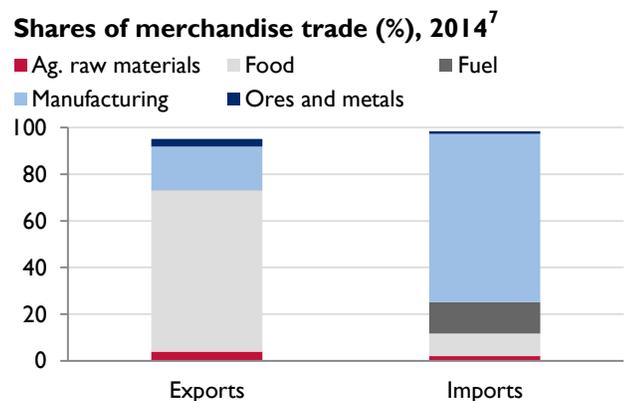
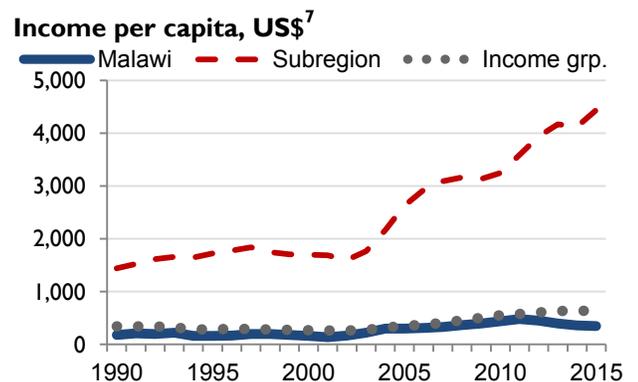
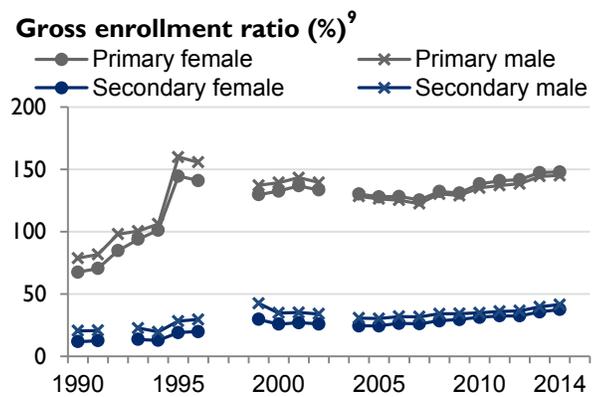
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| Completion rate, primary gross <sup>7</sup>          | 79.3%  | (2014) |
| Female completion rate <sup>7</sup>                  | 80.1%  | (2014) |
| Male completion rate <sup>7</sup>                    | 78.6%  | (2014) |
| Pupil-teacher ratio, primary <sup>9</sup>            | 61     | (2014) |
| Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary <sup>9</sup>          | 70     | (2014) |
| Public education expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>9</sup> | 6.3%   | (2014) |
| Youth literacy rate (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>        | 75%    | (2015) |
| Children out of school, primary <sup>7</sup>         | 48,436 | (2009) |
| Of which, female <sup>7</sup>                        | n/a    |        |
| Of which, male <sup>7</sup>                          | n/a    |        |

## ECONOMY

|  |         |        |
|--|---------|--------|
| GDP (US\$ millions) <sup>7</sup>                           | \$6,565 | (2015) |
| GDP growth (annual %) <sup>7</sup>                         | 3.0%    | (2015) |
| 10-year average <sup>7</sup>                               | 5.7%    | (2015) |
| Merchandise exports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>          | \$922   | (2015) |
| Merchandise imports (US\$ millions) <sup>10</sup>          | \$1,641 | (2015) |
| Percent of population living under \$1.90/day <sup>7</sup> | 70.9%   | (2010) |
| Share of income going to the poorest 20% <sup>11</sup>     | 6%      | (2013) |
| OECD average <sup>11</sup>                                 | 8%      | (2013) |
| Share of income going to the richest 20% <sup>11</sup>     | 50%     | (2013) |
| OECD average <sup>11</sup>                                 | 42%     | (2013) |
| Youth unemployment (ages 15-24) <sup>7</sup>               | 13.8%   | (2014) |
| Annual inflation <sup>12</sup>                             | 21.9%   | (2015) |

## HEALTH

|   |      |        |
|---|------|--------|
| Prevalence of HIV (ages 15-49) <sup>13</sup>                                  | 9.1% | (2015) |
| Antiretroviral coverage (% of adults 15+ meeting WHO guidelines) <sup>7</sup> | 61%  | (2015) |
| Prevalence of TB (per 100,000 population) <sup>14</sup>                       | 334  | (2014) |
| Deaths from malaria (per 100,000 population) <sup>14</sup>                    | 48   | (2013) |
| Prevalence of stunting (% of children under 5) <sup>15</sup>                  | 47%  | (2010) |
| DPT3 immunization rate (children aged one) <sup>15</sup>                      | 93%  | (2010) |
| Fertility rate (children per woman) <sup>15</sup>                             | 5.1  | (2014) |
| Modern contraceptive prevalence <sup>15</sup>                                 | 33%  | (2010) |
| Births attended by skilled health worker <sup>15</sup>                        | 71%  | (2010) |
| Improved water source (% of population) <sup>4</sup>                          | 90%  | (2015) |
| Public health expenditure (% of GDP) <sup>16</sup>                            | 6%   | (2014) |



SOURCES: <sup>1</sup>UN, World Population Prospects; <sup>2</sup>UN, World Urbanization Prospects; <sup>3</sup>UNDP, Human Development Report; <sup>4</sup>UN, Millennium Development Goals Indicators; <sup>5</sup>Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index; <sup>6</sup>Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Index of African Governance; <sup>7</sup>World Bank, World Development Indicators; <sup>8</sup>OECD/DAC, Destination of Official Development Assistance and Official Aid - Disbursements (Table 2a); <sup>9</sup>UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Database; <sup>10</sup>IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics; <sup>11</sup>Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data Sheet; <sup>12</sup>IMF, World Economic Outlook Database; <sup>13</sup>UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic; <sup>14</sup>WHO, World Health Statistics; <sup>15</sup>Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler; <sup>16</sup>WHO, Global Health Expenditure Database; <sup>17</sup>UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, Child Mortality Estimates; <sup>18</sup>OECD/DAC, Creditor Reporting System (CRS++); <sup>19</sup>CIA, World Factbook; World Bank, Country and Lending Groups.